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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 12, 2008. A request for the appropriate amount of time in which to respond is also being filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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